

Page 2

**FILED**  
MOTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2255 TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT  
SENTENCE BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

MAR - 4 2005

United States District Court	District Guam	MARY L. M. MORAN CLERK OF COURT
Name (under which you were convicted): <u>Ronald Chiguina Meno</u>		Docket or Case No. <u>98-00022-001</u>
Place of Confinement: <u>FCI-Bastrop, Texas</u>	Prisoner No.: <u>01528-093</u>	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Movant (include name under which you were convicted) <u>RONALD CHIGUINA MENO</u>

MOTION

1. (a) Name and location of court that entered the judgment of conviction you are challenging: U.S. District Court of Guam, Hagatna, Guam
2. (a) Date of the judgment of conviction (if you know): March 12, 1999  
(b) Date of sentencing: March 12, 1999
3. Length of sentence: 97 months
4. Nature of crime (all counts): One Count Attempted Importation of Methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 952(a), 960 and 963.
5. (a) What was your plea? (Check one)
 

(1) Not guilty  (2) Guilty  (3) Nolo contendere (no contest)

(b) If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or indictment, what did you plead guilty to and what did you plead not guilty to? Not Applicable
6. If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one)      Jury       Judge only



(4) Nature of the proceeding: Not Applicable

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application? Yes  No

(7) Result: Not Applicable

(8) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you filed any second motion, petition, or application, give the same information:

(1) Name of court: Not Applicable

(2) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of filing (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Nature of the proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application? Yes  No

(7) Result: Not Applicable

(8) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Did you appeal to a federal appellate court having jurisdiction over the action taken on your motion, petition, or application?

(1) First petition: Yes  No

(2) Second petition: Yes  No

(d) If you did not appeal from the action on any motion, petition, or application, explain briefly why you did not: Not Applicable

12. For this motion, state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground.

GROUND ONE: See attached page.

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground One:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_  
Subsequent change in circuit law

**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

**Type of motion or petition:** **Not Applicable**

**Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): Not Applicable  
Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_  
Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_  
Not Applicable

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes  No

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Applicable

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

GROUND TWO: None

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

---

(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Two:

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Applicable

---

(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: Not Applicable

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

Docket or case number (if you know): N/A

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

---

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes  No

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

Docket or case number (if you know): N/A

Date of the court's decision: N/A

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): N/A

---

---

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: N/A

---

---

---

---

---

GROUND THREE: None

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

N/A

**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Three:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Applicable

**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: N/A

see the

**N/A**

- 1 -

Docket or case number (if you know): 17-11

N/A

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes  No

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

GROUND FOUR: \_\_\_\_\_ None

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

---

(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Four:

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Applicable

---

(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

---

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes  No

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

---

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

---

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: N/A

---

---

---

---

13. Is there any ground in this motion that you have not previously presented in some federal court? If so, which ground or grounds have not been presented, and state your reasons for not presenting them: N/A

---

---

---

---

14. Do you have any motion, petition, or appeal now pending (filed and not decided yet) in any court for the judgment you are challenging? Yes  No

If "Yes," state the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, and the issues raised. N/A

---

---

---

---

15. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment you are challenging:

(a) At preliminary hearing: Unknown

---

(b) At arraignment and plea: Unknown

---

(c) At trial: Unknown

---

(d) At sentencing: Unknown

---

(e) On appeal: Not Applicable

(f) In any post-conviction proceeding: N/A

(g) On appeal from any ruling against you in a post-conviction proceeding: N/A

16. Were you sentenced on more than one count of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court and at the same time? Yes  No

17. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence for the judgment that you are challenging? Yes  No

(a) If so, give name and location of court that imposed the other sentence you will serve in the future: N/A

(b) Give the date the other sentence was imposed: N/A

(c) Give the length of the other sentence: N/A

(d) Have you filed, or do you plan to file, any motion, petition, or application that challenges the judgment or sentence to be served in the future? Yes  No

18. TIMELINESS OF MOTION: If your judgment of conviction became final over one year ago, you must explain why the one-year statute of limitations as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255 does not bar your motion.\* This is Movant's first § 2255 motion and is being brought due to a subsequent change in circuit law which establishes that he is being imprisoned for conduct that the law no longer makes criminal and is actually innocent of the importation charge. See: Attachment.

\* The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA") as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255, paragraph 6, provides in part that:

A one-year period of limitation shall apply to a motion under this section. The limitation period shall run from the latest of —

- (1) the date on which the judgment of conviction became final;
- (2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movant was prevented from making such a motion by such governmental action;
- (3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
- (4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

Therefore, movant asks that the Court grant the following relief: time served  
and immediate release from his term of confinement

or any other relief to which movant may be entitled.

**Signature of Attorney (if any)**

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 was placed in the prison mailing system on \_\_\_\_\_ (month, date, year).

Executed (signed) on Feb 24- 2005 (date).

Signature of Movant

If the person signing is not movant, state relationship to movant and explain why movant is not signing this motion. \_\_\_\_\_

**IN FORMA PAUPERIS DECLARATION**

[Insert appropriate court]

• • • •

ATTACHED PAGE

13. The ground listed in 12A was not previously presented, because at the time of the entry of the judgment, and for more than 10 days thereafter, that is to say, until June 6, 2003, the ground listed in 12A was foreclosed by circuit law in that it was the settled law of this circuit that all the government need show for a finding of importation is that the controlled substance entered the United States from international waters or airspace. (*United States v. Cabaccang*, 332 F.3d 622, 634 (9th Cir. 2003)(en banc), *clarified*, 341 F.3d 905 (9th Cir. 2003).) On June 6, 2003 (*Cabaccang*, 332 F.3d at 622 ("Filed June 6, 2003")), the court of appeals for this circuit changed the law by overruling the foregoing law of this circuit and holding that the transport of a controlled substance through international airspace on a flight from one United States location to another United States location does not constitute the offense of importing a controlled substance into the United States from a place outside thereof. (*Cabaccang*, 332 F.3d at 635 ("we hold that the transport of drugs through international airspace on a nonstop flight from one United States location to another does not constitute importation within the meaning of [21 U.S.C.] § 952(a]").)